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THE BECKET BULLETIN

INFORMATION ON TOWN GOVERNMENT ISSUES
AND ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF BECKET

Becket News

Where did summer go? It is very strange not returning to the classroom around this time of the year.

The Town is waiting on electrical connection to the EV Charging stations recently installed at Town Hall. We are also working on a project to convert the current lighting at town owned buildings to LEDs. This will further reduce our electrical consumption.

August 24th was the annual Energy Committee Information Session with several speakers discussing topics ranging from solar to heat pumps, consumer programs, and electric vehicles. It was well attended and very informative.

Make Ready work for the Broadband Project is continuing with many utility poles being replaced around the Town. Please be cautious of crews working in your neighborhood.

Download the complete newsletter in PDF form from the Town website:

<https://www.townofbecket.org/about-becket/pages/becket-bulletin>

William J. Caldwell, Town Administrator

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September Meetings (Subject to change)

3rd: Zoning Board of Appeals
4th: Conservation Commission
4th: Board of Health
4th: Board of Selectmen
5th: Finance Committee
7th: Sherwood Greens Road District Prudential Committee
9th: Cultural Council
10th: Historical Commission
11th: Board of Selectmen
11th: Planning Board
14th: Sherwood Forest Lake District
14th: Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District
16th: Broadband Ad Hoc Group
17th: Energy Committee
24th: Conservation Commission

THE SELECTMEN'S COLUMN

Welcome September: back to school, cooler weather and, soon, beautiful fall colors.

A big THANK YOU! to all who keep our town running smoothly, safe, beautiful and inviting for all who live and visit here.

Becket has great employees who, fix the roads quickly after a summer downpour, greet us with a smile at town hall, patrol our roads day and night and generally, “make it happen”.

I particularly wanted to acknowledge all the townspeople who volunteer their time; serving on boards and commissions, planting flowers, sprucing up public spaces, organizing groups and events, responding to emergencies and making Becket a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

All of our meetings are open to the public so please come, join in, be heard and participate in your town government.

Remember, kids are back in school so keep your eyes open, slow down and be safe around school buses and places where they play.

Thank you,
Chris Swindlehurst



Questions about Medicare?

Contact Becket SHINE:
413 623-8934 Ext. 141

Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone

**Free counseling by
a trained volunteer.**

The graphic features a Medicare Health Insurance card for Jane Doe, a stethoscope, various pills, a pill bottle, and a blue square with a white 'H'.

Becket Energy Forum



Jim Barry, retired DOER representative to Becket and other Berkshire towns, speaks to the audience at the 4th annual Energy Committee Information Session. Jim spoke about the SMART program for solar, Mass Save, and the Green Communities program.

The annual Energy Committee sessions drew about 25 interested residents that listened to various speakers regarding solar, consumer programs and other information.

Becket Athenaeum News for September 2019

ACE After-School Tutoring Program

Held at the Becket Athenaeum

Our free after-school tutoring program meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, beginning September 10th.

ACE is open to grades 2-8.

The application is available both at the library and Becket Washington School.

A teacher recommendation is also required.

Questions? Contact Jodi at jodi@bwlibrary.org or 413-623-5483.

FALL HOURS AT THE ATHENAEUM:

The library's fall hours return on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Tuesday 1-7pm

Wednesday: 3-7pm

Thursday: 1-7pm

Saturday: 10am-4pm

We have E-Catalog items available:

The Becket Athenaeum offers e-books, digital audiobooks, and video content! Our patrons have access to six different library network collections: CLAMS, C/W Mars, Minuteman, NOBLE, Old Colony, and SAILS.

Like regular library materials, electronic resources are checked out for a period of time and when they are due back, they simply leave your device and become available for the next interested patron. Also like other library materials, there are a limited number of digital copies of any given item at a time.

To get started, go to www.becketathenaeum.org and follow the instructions, or:

If you're new to e-books and need help, bring your device with you to the library and we'll help you get set up to take advantage of our vast collection!

IMPORTANT To proceed, you will need to know your library card number and password associated with your account. The password is set to the last four digits of your library card number unless you have changed it when accessing our [catalog on MassCat](#). If you don't know your card number or are having issues, [contact us](#).

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ROMI DRUBETSKOY AND ARIEL KATZ FOR THEIR SUMMER VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE ATHENAEUM!

Our Pre-School STEAM group is on hiatus and will begin again later in the fall. Please keep an eye out for the new schedule coming out by the end of September.

Date	Location	Time
Thursday, September 5, 2019	Bernstein Theatre's Artists Rehearsal Studio 70 Kemble Street, Lenox	10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday, September 5, 2019	UMass Amherst Campus Center Amherst Room 1 Campus Center Way, Amherst Parking is located in the Campus Center Parking Garage on level 2	3:00pm-5:00pm
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Monday, September 9, 2019	MassART Town Auditorium 621 Huntington Ave, Boston	1:00pm-3:00pm
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Friday, September 13, 2019	Fitchburg State University Kent Recital Hall 160 Pearl Street, Fitch- burg Parking is located at the Wallace Civic Center Parking lot. Please take campus shuttle to the Kent	1:00pm-3:00pm
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Per 225 CMR 20.07(5), the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) has been conducting a review of the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program, which began upon the qualification of 400 MW of eligible Solar Tariff Generation Units. DOER has prepared the results of this review, and will be presenting its findings at four stakeholder meetings at the following times and locations:

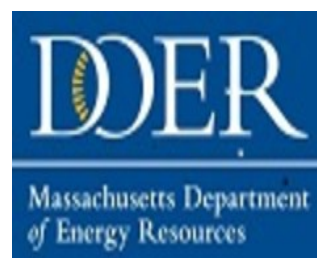
DOER will present the same material at each of the four meetings. Additionally, the presentation will be available on DOER's [website](#) beginning on September 5, 2019.

Public Comments

Following the public presentations, DOER will be collecting written stakeholder feedback on the 400 MW Review. Public comments should be submitted electronically to DOER.SMART@mass.gov, with the subject "400 MW Review Public Comments."

Comments should be submitted to DOER by Friday, September 20, 2019.

Any questions regarding this proceeding can be directed to DOER.SMART@mass.gov.



EV Charging Stations

The Town worked with Eversource to install two EV charging stations. We are waiting on Eversource to connect the power for them to be made available to the public. The stations are Chargepoint systems and will operate with a fee to be determined either by the amount of electricity used or a set fee based on time.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN OF BECKET COMMITTEE AND BOARD MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Board of Health	1st Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Board of Selectmen:	1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission.....	4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Energy Committee	3rd Tuesday, 4:00p.m.
Finance Committee	1st Thursday 5:30p.m.
Historical Commission.....	2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m.
Planning Board:	2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals	1st Tuesday, 7 p.m. as needed

For the most updated schedule, please see the calendar section of the town website:
www.townofbecket.org

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